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PSC APPROVES AGREEMENT GRANTING SUSPENSION OF LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY IMPLEMENTATION FOR MILLER TELEPHONE

Jefferson City (July 30, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an agreement seeking a suspension of requirements for Miller Telephone Company (Miller Telephone) to implement local number portability (LNP) in its service area. The agreement approved by the Commission grants suspension until December 31, 2004. The agreement also grants modifications regarding call rating and routing issues.

Miller Telephone sought the suspension because its facilities are not currently LNP-capable. The telephone company indicated that switching equipment which would make it LNP-capable is ordered and if the requested service date is achieved, Miller Telephone should be prepared to support LNP by the end of 2004. The telephone company stated that if the Commission did not grant the limited suspension, it may be forced to incur costs to upgrade a switch that is scheduled to be replaced in a couple of months.

Under LNP, a customer would be able to take his/her land line telephone number to another provider (such as wireless).

The Commission stated that granting the suspension and modification is consistent with federal law in that "it is necessary to avoid a significant adverse economic impact on users of telecommunications services generally and to avoid imposing a requirement that is unduly economically burdensome".

The agreement approved by the Commission was submitted by Miller Telephone Company, the Office of the Public Counsel and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

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